

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Page 2, after paragraph no. 2, insert the following:**

G' The present invention further provides a solid golf ball comprising a solid core having a three-layered structure composed of an inner layer, an intermediate layer formed outside the inner layer, and an outer layer formed outside the intermediate layer, and a cover for coating the solid core, wherein:

the inner layer is designed to have a Shore D hardness which is lower than that of the intermediate layer;

the intermediate layer is designed to have a Shore D hardness of 45 to 65; and

the outer layer is designed to have a Shore D hardness which is lower than that of the intermediate layer.

Further, the solid golf ball as described has an inner layer with a Shore D hardness of 20 to 40.

Yet, further, the solid golf ball as described above has an inner layer with a diameter of 20.0 to 29.0 mm. The intermediate layer and the inner layer have a combined diameter of 35.0 to 39.5 mm, and the outer layer, inner layer, and intermediate layer have a combined diameter of 37.5 to 41.0 mm.

Even further, in the solid golf ball described above, a weight distribution in the solid core is designed so that the inner layer has a large specific gravity, and the intermediate layer and the outer layer have specific gravities which are smaller than the specific gravity of the inner layer.

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Further, in the solid golf ball described above, the solid core is formed by using a rubber composition comprising a base material composed of natural and/or synthetic rubber.

G<sup>1</sup> Moreover, in the solid golf ball described above, at least one layer of the solid core is formed by using a material comprising one selected from ionomer resins and thermoplastic resins.

Moreover, in the solid golf ball as described above, the cover is formed by using an ionomer resin or a material containing it.

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